

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 2 has been cancelled from the application, and new claims 17 and 18 have been added to the application. Claims 1 and 3-18 remain pending in the application.

The rejections raised in the Office Action are addressed as follows.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-8, 11 and 13-15 as being anticipated by Zocher. The Examiner indicated on page 4 of the Office Action that claims 2, 9 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore in response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of dependent claim 2, and cancelled claim 2 from the application. Applicant submits that amended claim 1 is in form for allowance, as are remaining claims 3-8, 11 and 13-15 which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1.

Therefore, withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection to 1, 3-8, 11 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102 is requested.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

The Examiner rejected claims 12 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of Zocher. In view of the above mentioned amendment to claim 1, Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 is now moot.

New claims

Applicant takes the opportunity to add new claims 17 and 18 to the application. New claim 17 recites the subject matter of claims 1 and 9 while new claim 18 recites the subject matter of claims 1, 8 and 10. Applicant submits that no new subject matter is being added. Allowance of claims 17 and 18 is requested.

Rejection to Application Papers

The Examiner objected to the originally filed Declaration for failing to identify the province of residence of the sole inventor. In response, a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney identifying the full residence information of the sole inventor is enclosed under Appendix A.

Therefore, Applicant submits that the application is in form for allowance, and favourable action to that end is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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